

Governors reaffirm divestment

by Joe Heath

Almost 200 students demonstrated in support of divestment outside the F. Cyril James building on Monday. Inside, the McGill Board of Governors unanimously ratified its 1985 decision to divest from companies with South African interests.

Donald McSween, chair of the Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility (CAMSR), presented the annual divestment review to the board.

Said McSween, "Our recommendation is that the board make no change to the policy. It was well articulated at the time, and we feel it represents the policy which the university should hold."

"The question is not whether it (divestment) should happen, but whether it is happening in as ex-



Monday's divestment rally

pedition a manner as certain organs on campus desire," he said.

According to the CAMSR report, the university has disposed of 33 per cent of its stock in companies with South African interests.

According to the South Africa Committee (SAC) this figure should be under 20 per cent, as McGill has acquired new stocks in companies from which it should have divested. As well, despite divestment, McGill's South Africa related stocks are now worth over \$53 million, higher than last year, where they totalled less than \$45 million.

Steve Miller, SAC co-ordinator, said, "I was disappointed that these figures were not raised at the Board meeting. A lot of students have asked me why the value of the stocks has gone up, and why we still have \$53 million in South Africa related stocks."

Monday's Board meeting was marked by an overall absence of discussion. Governor John Hallward, one of the few who spoke, said, "It's a lot easier to take a position than to be effective... Is there more that people outside South Africa can do?"

Principal Johnston responded, saying other Canadian universities have taken further initiatives. He cited Queens as an example, where students added a \$0.90 per semester fee to bring a black South African to Queens.

"I find this to be a very attractive way to deal with this situation," said Johnston, "We've given more attention to this issue than we have any other issue in the last 7 or 10 years, but very little has been concerned with working out possible initiatives."

Questions were raised about the financial consequences of divestment. VP Finance John Armour explained, "It's almost impossible to say if there is a profit from divestment or not."

"You cannot make any sort of simplistic study of whether it's a loss or a gain. In the U.S. and in London, an investor has been running a South Africa portfolio and a non-South Africa portfolio for his clients. The non-South Africa portfolio was slightly higher. The same results were obtained in the U.S., but no real generalization can be made."

Although Miller was hoping for a larger turnout at the demonstration, he said, "I was pleased with the energy. It was different from last year. A lot of people seemed to know what was happening, and why they were there."

Governors, meanwhile, were very concerned about the demonstration. "My car's parked out front," exclaimed one. "Go move it," he was quickly told.

Animal welfare groups demand Gillette boycott

by Kristina Stockwood

A boycott of Gillette products has been initiated by animal-welfare organizations across the country to protest the "cruel and unnecessary" research being practiced on animals in Gillette's laboratories.

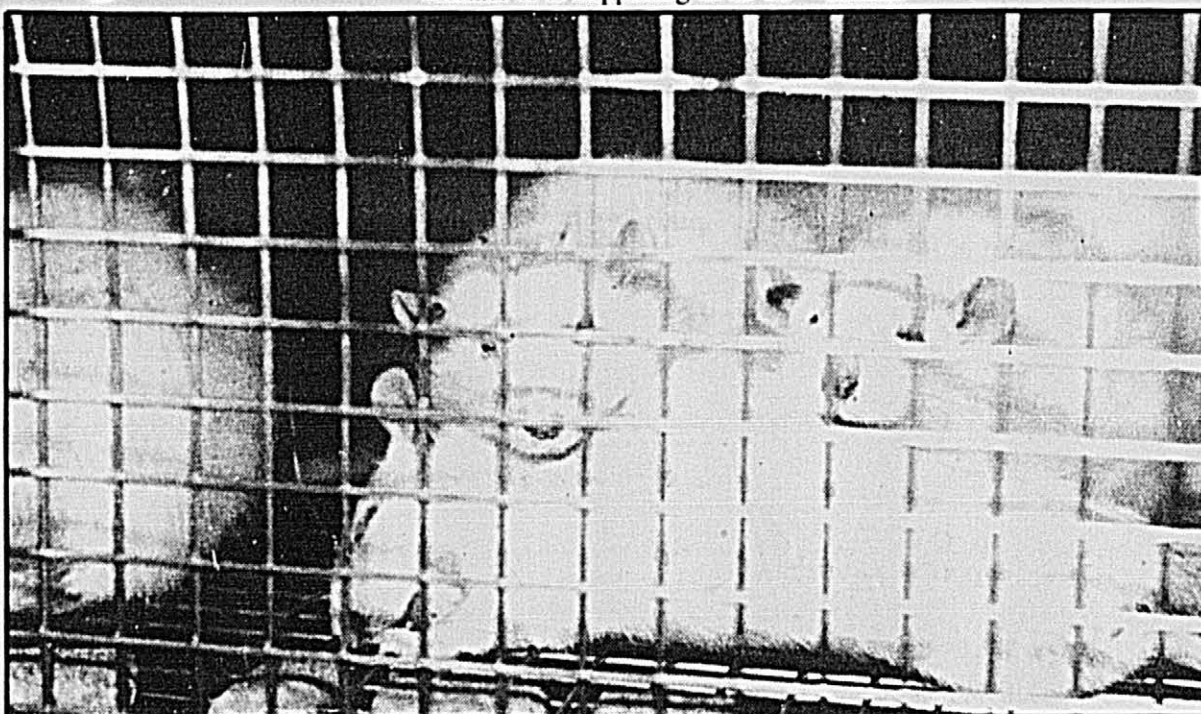
The boycott call comes in the wake of the testimony by Leslie Fain, an animal science technician who worked in Gillette's Maryland laboratory from 1984 to 1986. She made a secret videotape of the abuse that took place in the laboratory while she was there.

"I was completely shocked by how unscientific and inhumane the people who worked at Gillette were," she said.

"I saw technicians carrying rabbits by the ears (and) kicking rabbits that were struggling. They laughed as animals screeched in pain."

Fain said that when she asked how to euthanize some rats, she was told "to 'kill them by hitting them over the head with a rod.' He said injecting them was too much trouble, 'so now we just hit them.'"

"Once I came across a rabbit with peeling, blistered skin lying



This group of dying rats at the Gillette laboratory was subjected to a Lethal Dose 100 test (LD100). The test substance in this case, shampoo, was force fed to these animals so that all of them would die.

in agony in his cage, unable to walk. And I overheard two lab technicians complaining that all the test substances they'd been getting lately were boring. They said they wanted something more exciting like carbonic acid."

In fact, "none of the tests Gillette is doing are required in either Canada or the U.S.," says Cynthia Drummond, Coor-

dinating Director of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA).

"It seems to be out of habit," she said.

Gillette still performs Draize tests, she said, "which involves putting the substance in one eye of an albino rabbit to see how it will react."

In the videotape, Liquid Paper

was applied to a rabbit's eyes for 15 days until they bled and ulcerated.

Fain recorded that she "saw one technician grab a rabbit who had pus draining out of his swollen eye and force the eye open to examine it under bright light."

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UQAM responds to strike call

by Pierre Tordjman

Yesterday, over a thousand students picketed UQAM's (Université du Québec à Montréal) entrances. The students were demanding assurances from the provincial government that the tuition freeze would remain in effect. Strike organizers said that 90 per cent of the university was paralysed.

More than two hundred police were present in the DeMaison-neuve/ Ste Catherine/ St Denis area. In the morning, police arrested eight students. Others were clubbed or pulled by the hair. The strike began at 7h00 and students picketed until 20h30.

Monday, at a general assembly

of UQAM students, 3,200 students voted 90 per cent in favour of a three day strike. Along with UQAM, 18 CEGEP associations have responded to ANEQ's (Association National des Etudiant(e)s du Québec) call for a strike.

If two more associations decide to strike before Thursday — the next meeting of ANEQ — they will go on an unlimited strike to force the provincial government to the bargaining table.

Picketers chanted, "Ce n'est qu'un début, continuons le combat." (It's only a beginning, carry on the fight). Non-striking students were called scabs, and were booed by the crowd.

Pierre Maheu, a UQAM Ad-

ministrative Science student said that "a student walking out of the university attacked a striker. The cops did not arrest the aggressor, but protected him from the (still very peaceful) crowd." At that moment, he said, the traffic was blocked at the corner of St Denis and Ste Catherine.

Meanwhile, UQAM is trying to win a court injunction to render picketing at its gates illegal.

Les chargé(e)s de cours à l'UQAM (teaching assistants), who have the lowest pay among UQAM teachers, announced to the demonstrators that they were going to denounce police brutality in the Montréal press, by buying space in one of the major city newspapers.



A UQAM picketer.

André Query, a Montréal policeman, was asked about his general feelings towards the strike. He said, "I don't know your movement. Occasionally, we get sent to do things we understand a little."

When told that what he is asked to do could go against the interest

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Forgotten prisoners remembered

by Jeanne Iribarne

Amnesty International (AI) is circulating petitions world wide as part of Amnesty Week. This week is an attempt to publicize what for Amnesty is a year-round campaign to obtain the release of 'forgotten prisoners' of conscience.

Amnesty McGill turned its attention to two special displays, one in Union Rm.107 which ran from Oct.20-21 and one in Redpath Hall, which runs for two weeks.

The display in the Union building featured twelve petitions. These twelve petitions demand the release of twelve individual

prisoners, chosen by Amnesty International from the thousands they have on file.

Their purpose, according to Rachel Wernick is "to raise awareness about human rights violations around the world." Each prisoner comes from a different country.

Prisoners of conscience are "people being held anywhere for their beliefs, colour, sex, ethnic origin, language or religion and who have not used or advocated violence."

One of the twelve, Omer Mastafov Kochandzchiev of Bulgaria, is being detained, as the letter states, "for refusing to use a new name in the context of an official campaign to force ethnic Turks to sign 'voluntary declarations' renouncing their Turkish

names in favour of Bulgarian ones."

Anatoly Lupynis, the subject of another letter, was arrested in the Ukraine for "taking part in an unofficial poetry reading." He is now in a psychiatric hospital for the criminally insane without previous evidence of insanity.

Similarly, Manan Effendi bin Tjokhardjo was also imprisoned on charges of subversion in Indonesia where he was a member of the Communist party. He has been in prison since 1965 and is suffering from a skin disease "for which he may not be receiving medical attention."

These prisoners, along with many others are called the "Forgotten Prisoners." AI chooses to seek their release purely on the basis of violation of human rights. As part of its mandate, AI states that "it does not support or oppose any government or political system. Nor does it necessarily support or oppose the views of the prisoners whose rights it seeks to protect."

AI McGill has also set up a more general display in Redpath Hall that outlines AI's aims, history and successes. This display will remain throughout this week and the next.

The group meets each Tuesday for its "Urgent Action" letter writing campaign. "Urgent Action," according to Benoit Dionne, is reserved for those individual cases that require immediate, short letters to the governments responsible for the incarceration. Other letter campaigns are broader, aimed at newspapers and international organizations as well as governments and are connected with the two networks with which the group is involved: the Philippines and Indonesia, and Southeast Asia.

A major activity of the McGill group is an attempt to free its "adopted prisoner," Pavlos Galentzas, a conscientious objector in Greece.

... Boycott

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"I'd heard rabbits scream there before, never like that."

In the 1970's, public outcry forced the Revlon cosmetics company to discontinue Draize testing in favour of a more humane type of test, said Drummond.

"They responded with new developments," she said, whereas, "Gillette is lying about their testing and trying to cover it up."

Dennis Murphy, quality services manager for Gillette Canada Ltd. in Montréal, denied the company uses the tests.

"The company vigorously denies any charges of animal abuse," he said.

In a letter to a concerned consumer in 1985, Gillette's manager of corporate communications, Douglas Kenney, wrote, "The 'classic' Draize test is not used by Gillette."

Furthermore, he added, "a topical anesthesia is administered before the testing begins." Both of these statements have been proven false by Fain.

Gillette has also denied that they utilize another test, the LD-50, whereby concentrated chemicals are applied to the shaved skin of the animal until it peels and blisters.

Alternately, the animal is forced the substance until it dies. Silkience shampoo and Right Guard deodorant were shown being used on the videotape.

The LD-50 is also referred to as the 'death test'.

Fain reported, "Once when I asked a technician what was wrong with a group of white rats that were dying in a pile, she told me 'the sleazy little bastards will piss on each other and be dead in the morning.'"

"The rats had been force-fed shampoo in a death test."

In a letter to a consumer in 1983, David Fausch, Gillette's VP of corporate public relations, responded, "The Company has not used the LD-50 test since 1977."

This explicitly contradicts a confidential inter-office memo of

1985 stating that two members of the Animal Care Committee "again raised the issue of modifying internal documentation ... to eliminate any references to the use of the term LD-50."

"This issue relates to the correspondence with which the Company is corresponding to animal rights activists saying that Gillette no longer employs the use of the subject test."

The letter of 1985 also states, "the Company has been able to reduce the overall number of animals used in testing."

"In the period from 1976 through 1982, the number of ... laboratory animals was reduced in total by 35 per cent."

"The Company no longer uses monkeys. The use of rabbits has been reduced by 67 per cent over the period."

This is blatantly false.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has documented statistics showing that in 1984, the total number of animals that Gillette used in research increased by 119 per cent from 1977.

In 1977, 1,919 animals were used in research and 4,208 were used in 1984. These figures include guinea pigs, hamsters, rabbits, monkeys and dogs. It does not include mice and rats.

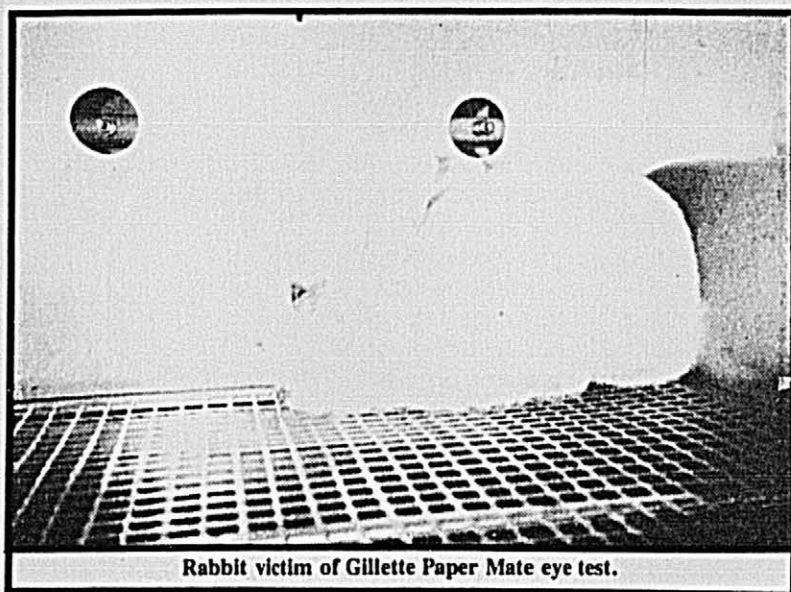
In his letter of 1985, Kenney claimed that Gillette would spend more time and money on alternative methods of research.

In 1985, Gillette spent \$1,000 to research alternative methods of testing. This is a minuscule amount considering that net profits for the year were \$380 million. They spent 64.4 million dollars on research and development.

As Drummond pointed out, "there are alternatives to the Draize test, as Revlon proved."

These alternatives include in-vitro testing, biomathematics, and cell and tissue cultures. Gillette is aware of these alternatives and purports to be investigating some of them.

But with only \$1,000 you can't do much research.



Rabbit victim of Gillette Paper Mate eye test.

Furthermore, the products that Gillette is testing are already on the shelf, so there is not much point in testing them. It appears that the technicians at Gillette are indeed "bored".

The SPCA, along with the Humane Society, Ark II, and other animal-welfare groups, are calling for the boycott of all Gillette products. These include:

Oral B toothbrushes

Deodorants: Soft and Dry, Right Guard, Dry Idea, "Im-

agine" Body Spray

Gillette Foamy shaving cream Razors: Atra, Good News, Swivel, Daisy, Trac II

Hair products: Silkience, White Rain, Mink Difference, The Dry Look, Tame, Toni Home Perm Skin products: Aapri and Jafra Liquid Paper correcter Paper-Mate pens

Suggested alternative cosmetic and toiletries are The Body Shop and Beauty Without Cruelty (BWC) products. Look for the label.

Speaking out on East Timor

by Chris Lawson

"I don't want to waste my time with Canadian officials. I would rather see a science fiction movie," said José Ramos Horta, describing his efforts to communicate with External Affairs Ministry officials.

Horta is the representative to the United Nations of FRETILIN, the independence movement in East Timor. He spoke to small audiences at McGill and at the Café Commun(e) earlier this week.

East Timor is a small island off the coast of Australia. For five centuries, the island was under Portuguese colonial rule. The island was undergoing a three year process of decolonisation when it was invaded by Indonesian armed forces in 1975.

In 1975 the population of East Timor was more than 700,000. In

1981, the Indonesian government reported a population of just over 500,000.

"It is the most violent conflict in the world today," Horta said.

Despite this, the holocaust in East Timor is almost unheard of in the west, he said. "The great western democracies" are at best indifferent to the plight of the Timorese. "I have had illusions about Western democracies."

Asked why the west has not intervened on behalf of the Timorese, Horta quoted John F. Kennedy who said to an East Timorese governor, "Indonesia is too important compared with your half million pygmies."

Indonesia controls the Strait of Malacca, through which most of the oil from the Middle East travels

Canada is also a major trading partner of Indonesia. In 1983-84,

Canada had over \$1 billion invested in Indonesia. This makes Canada the third largest foreign investor in Indonesia, after Hong Kong and Japan. In the same year, the Canadian government gave \$23 million in loans and grants to the Indonesian government.

In 1975, the United Nations Security Council unanimously passed a motion condemning Indonesia's aggression in East Timor and, demanding its withdrawal. These same nations, including Canada, profit from the supply of arms to Indonesia.

"That's the hypocrisy of these countries," he said. "You can't admit your policy of supporting genocide and do business as usual. Instead, they lie. They refuse to admit that there's fighting."

"The great Western peace

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What's on at GALOM

In times of crisis, people often unite to defend their rights and dignity. In 1986, lesbian and gay people face crises of great significance to their own lives: from the continuing crisis of AIDS to increasing discrimination, we gay people face some real obstacles. But no problems are so daunting that they can't be overcome with enough organization. For their part, McGill's gay students have gotten involved with Gays and Lesbians of McGill (or GALOM) like never before.

At GALOM, change is in the air. GALOM's members recently elected both a man and a woman (namely Joe Clark and Valerie Renwick) to the position of coordinator, helping to establish a tradition of better representation of women in GALOM. Having two coordinators of op-

posite sexes makes it easier to develop activities to meet men's and women's individual needs, while still allowing enough time and energy to plan events and provide advocacy for all lesbian and gay people.

And there are many programmes underway at GALOM this year. Our lesbian coordinator is working closely with the Lesbian Caucus of the Women's Union while making efforts to create a stronger lesbian subgroup at GALOM itself. Lesbians have often unwittingly been left in the shadow in gay organizations because men typically dominated those organizations; we are doing what we can to eliminate that bias once and for all at GALOM.

A few of GALOM's committees deserve special mention for the promising work

they are organizing. The GALOM AIDS Committee will have a much higher profile this year; its members will be conducting information campaigns to educate McGill students, both gay and straight, on the subject of AIDS. There is too much misinformation and ignorance on campus already for this important work to go undone. Further, GALOM's Coming-Out Group will begin holding regular meetings in the next two weeks. We will be sponsoring an unprecedented campus-wide advertising campaign to encourage lesbians and gay men to come out of the closet, and the regular meetings of the Coming-Out group will give support to those people making this crucial step.

Lots more is going on at GALOM — our "Danse sans Thème" on

November 8th, campaigns against the defamation of lesbian and gay people, social activities like our coffeehouse and movie night on October 20th, and much more. The best way to find out how GALOM can be of service to you (or vice-versa) is to get in touch with us. GALOM's office is located in Room 417 of the Union Building, and our phone number is 392-8912. With your participation and enthusiasm, we can make McGill an even more comfortable and affirmative place for gay men and lesbians to study.

Valerie Renwick

Joe Clark

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Gays and Lesbians of McGill

Crossroads needs help

The Montréal Committee of Canadian Crossroads International is looking for a host family (a couple with or without children) for a young woman who arrived in Canada in September to take part in a cultural exchange which involves work with a local community project, activities planned by the CCI local committee and activities of the host family. The woman will be in Montréal for three months. Bilingual or English speaking families are preferred. This is a rare opportunity to gain an understanding of another's culture. It is a basis for creating new relationships of mutual respect and understanding between

Canadians and people of the Third World. Other families who have hosted 'Crossroaders' from developing countries have learned a great deal and remember the time with their guest fondly.

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Please contact Bo Gill (Crossroads Liaison) at 849-1790 in the evenings.

letters

Greg revisited

To the Daily:

Since my initial introduction has been somewhat 'overused' of late, a new approach is in order.

In answer to Greg Laws, I need only state a few words. You seem to feel that neither sex is at an advantage when compared with the other, but this indicates to me that you still cannot be fully aware of the limitations placed on women in our society. I grant you that some traditionally female spheres have been closed to men and that certain stereotypes have had negative influences on the personal growth of both sexes. Yet when one weighs these disadvantages, women are left on the heavy end. Not only has the traditional feminine stereotype excluded women from more fields than has the male stereotype, but more importantly, it has excluded them from the public power sphere.

Paul Nathanson states that "the problems of men are just as severe as those of women." Apart from the fact that women are still discriminated against in many more ways than are men, one can look at specific instances such as rape, or spouse battering where this assertion seems preposterous.

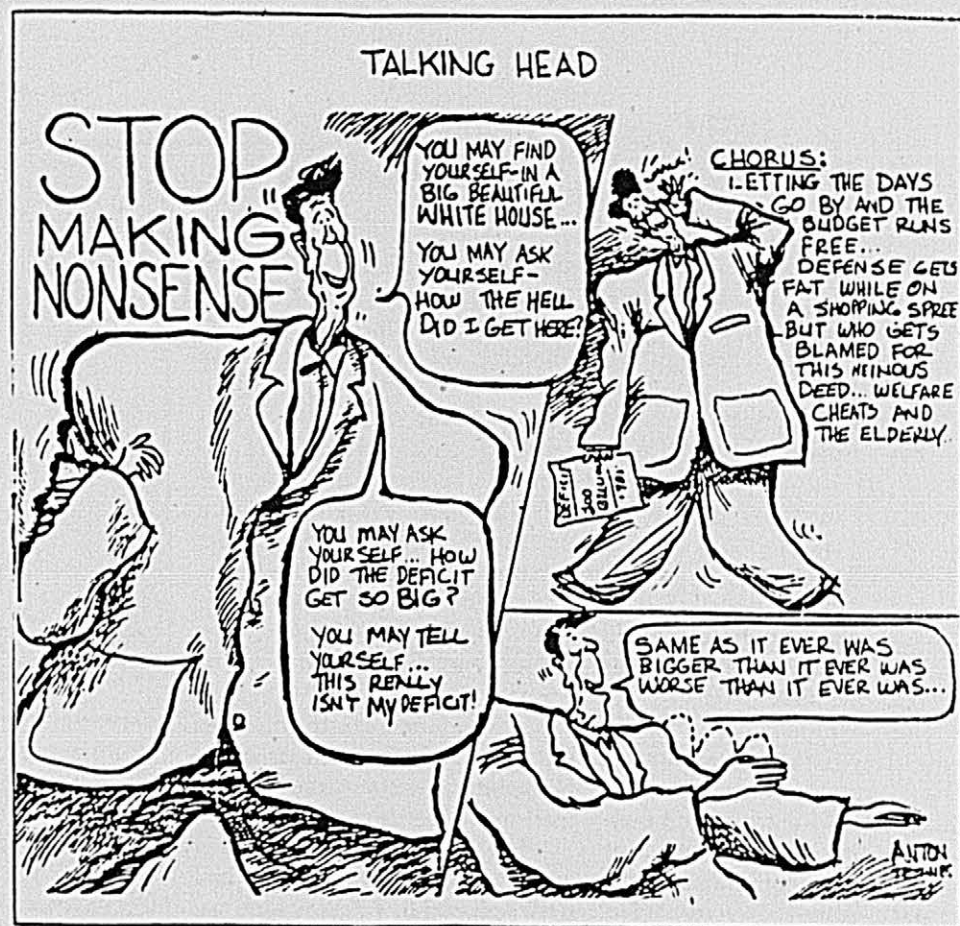
Nowhere in my letter did I mention the creation of evil or attribute this creation to men. The whole argument of creating self-righteousness while preaching self-asserted morality is one I would agree with and one I most certainly did not use in my letter. I do, on the other hand, support a distinction between men as being innately evil and men as having had more opportunity to do evil. This is not a "naïve" division as Nathanson contends, but a division one would have to support if one believed any kind of change could occur. In other words if I did not support this distinction, I would have to believe that men are innately evil and therefore no change could ever occur.

I do not suggest that only women have suffered from sexism or that men should not "be taken seriously as full human beings" but I do suggest that women have suffered more from a lack of institutionalized power and from the traditional roles assigned them.

Suzanne Mehmet
U3 Political Science

Let's talk

To the Daily:



Let's talk about Wednesday's terrorist attack on the old city of Jerusalem, where a group of Israeli soldiers were being sworn in. No doubt this is a "victory" for those responsible for the injuries and at least one known death. May I be so bold as to put the blame on the P.L.O.? (Yes, that's Peace-Lovers Organisation.) Talk about efficiency — when those loyal boy scouts promised (in the name of peace, of course) an attack around the time of the Jewish High Holidays, they certainly kept their word. Oops — but I almost forgot — the P.L.O. is a conglomerate of peace organisations, women's groups, children's funds...not (heaven forbid) "terrorists" (as "ignorant capitalist conservatives" such as myself are so mistakenly inclined to believe!). How silly of me to

assume that the P.L.O. and its affiliates do not really want peace...and besides, what's a few dead Israeli Jews here and there, anyways? Sorry, I should have made the logical conclusion that this attack is merely another "friendly Arab attempt to further "peace and love" between nations.

Keep up the good work, you "liberal-minded" souls!

Libby Cohen
U3 Philosophy

Bothaspeak

To the Daily:

Miller's comment in the Daily of October 16 reveals a lack of understanding of the current pro-

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Refugees: a matter of survival

by Vipul Desai

For many refugees, coming to Canada is not an easy decision. It is not the 'good life' that they are after; it is simply a matter of survival. The political situations make it difficult to stay. To remain in their home country can mean imprisonment, persecution or death.

"We do not like our situation here. When we were back in Iran, my family lived amongst its own people and we had our own lives there. When the situation gets better, we will gladly go back," says Rezwan Khosrowshoei, an Iranian refugee living in Montréal.

According to Charles Smith, a fellow at McGill's Centre for Developing Areas Studies who has done extensive research on refugees in Montreal, 82 per cent of all refugees see themselves as political exiles and 54 percent would return to their home countries if the political situation drastically improved.

"I want to return to a free South Africa" said refugee and Concordia Professor Chengiah Ragaven. Ragaven left South Africa twenty years ago, after being placed under a five-year house arrest for his political activity with the the Natal University Indian Congress (NIC), an early affiliate of the African National Congress (ANC).

"I have immigrant status in Canada but I feel like a permanent exile," he continued.

Ragaven's parents were brought to South Africa from India as indentured labour. He grew up in the townships of Durban — what he describes as "cesspools of human habitation."

Ragaven was able to attend both primary and secondary schools, and after a series of odd jobs,

NIC, and eventually Vice-President of the (Black) students' society.

Ragavan said that as he became more politically active, he was subsequently fired from every job he held, including one cleaning a Post Office for \$12 a month.

He was eventually placed under five-year House Arrest, which, Ragavan said, "virtually destroyed any activity. I couldn't earn any money (anyway) but political activity came to a standstill because police informers riddled society."

Khosrowshoei spent seven years in Iranian prisons during the oppressive regime of the Shah of Iran, which was supported by the US. The Shah's government saw his support for democracy and social justice as "subversive" and imprisoned him. He was formally charged as a "threat to the security of the state."

During his time in prison, Khosrowshoei was tortured severely. He calmly describes how for over a year, he was kicked, beaten, hanged by his hands, or whipped until his skin tore, every day for at least two hours. One arm remains paralysed, and permanent scars and bruises remain as proof of the brutality he suffered.

"The physical torture was not the only kind of torture. Many times the wardens would abuse us psychologically. For example, they would threaten our wives, became eligible to attend the University of Natal. It was there that he became a supporter of the

mothers and children unless we gave them specific information," he said.

"The torturers often enjoyed torturing us. They would keep torturing us even after we gave them all the information we had," he added.

During the Iranian revolution in 1978, Khosrowshoei was released with many other political prisoners, by the mass groups who deposed the Shah.

However, after Khomeini came to power, many political prisoners who were jailed during the Shah's regime were considered to be dangerous to the new regime. This forced Khosrowshoei to go underground from 1978 to 1982 until he and his family escaped Iran.

It took ten days of walking through the snow before they reached Turkey. He and his family have been in Canada since 1984, and are currently waiting for their refugee status.

Ravi Kumar (not his real name) is a Tamil refugee who left Sri Lanka in 1985 because of the increasing persecution of the Tamils.

"Though many Canadians think we come here solely for the economic benefits in this country, this is not the case at all. If people actually believe this they should

go to Sri Lanka, Chile or El Salvador and see the actual brutality and violence for themselves," he said.

"Most exiles are considered a drain on our society," said Ragaven.

"South Africa has 32 million people. There are 4 million whites. I would like to see a white who has been through what I have in the last 10 years and have the same achievements to show," he said.

Ragaven received scholarships to the London University, Cambridge, Oxford and Sussex. Last year he was teaching six courses per semester at Concordia, while simultaneously researching his PhD.

"I represent what could be available to 28 million blacks if the opportunity came up tomorrow," he added.

In most cases economic misery among the population is perpetuated by an oppressive government's desire to preserve its own privileges. People unable to survive in what are often intolerable conditions become refugees, seeking asylum elsewhere.

Although these are only examples of the many stories that refugees bring with them, they are part of a situation that is relevant



in a broader context. There are times when the distinction can be made between an economic refugee and a bonafide political refugee, but often the line dividing the two is not well defined.

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Although Canada is not a major cause of the refugee problem it cannot absolve itself entirely. It often provides aid and assistance to countries that are responsible for creating refugees. When Canada hears of human rights violations it often looks the other way.

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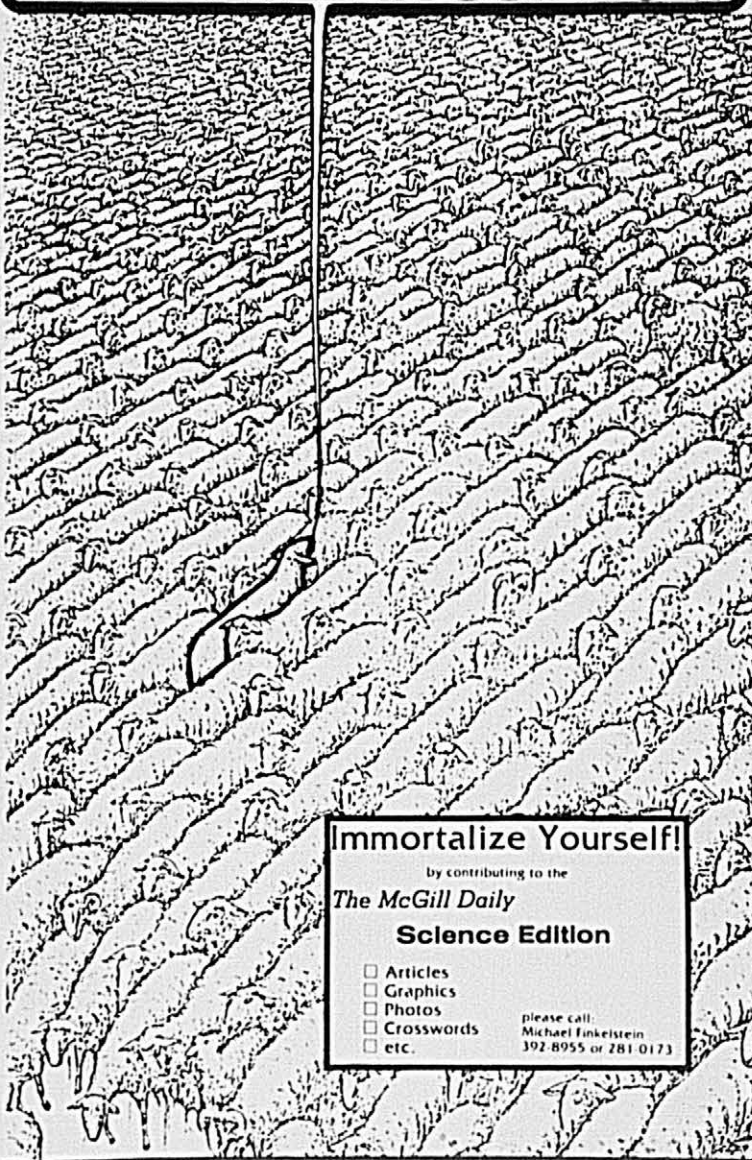
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McGill Outing Club: General meeting 19h30 in Leacock 132.

Newman Centre Chaplaincy: Catholic Worship. 12h00 in William S. Henry Birks Building.

Centre for Developing Area Studies: Rosalind Boyd will speak on "Research and Human Rights: Report on Madrid Workshop." 12h00 at 3715 Peel St. Rm. 100. Info: 392-5321.

McGill Choral Society: Regular rehearsal. 18h45 for "Due North" group. 19h30 everyone else. Rm C304, Strathcona Music Bldg.

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Political Science Students' Association: General meeting for the *McGill Journal of Political Science*. PSSA lounge, 4th floor Leacock, 15h00.

McGill Book Fair: 9h00 to 21h00 in Redpath Hall. Info: 392-4816.

Players' Theatre presents Eugene Ionesco's *MacBeth* at 20h00. Union Building, Third Floor. Tickets \$4 for students, \$6 general public.

McGill Alpine Ski Team: General Meeting at 16h30, dryland training at 17h30. Council meeting at 19h00. Fees due Oct 30th.

Womens' Union: 16h00 general meeting. 16h30 Discussion: "How we as feminists interact with men in our daily lives?" in Union Rm 423. For more information, phone 392-8920.

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blems in the Republic of South Africa. This is also true of most if not all of the articles written in the *Daily* about that country. Of course there is social injustice in South Africa, as there is in every other country, including Canada, but when has attempting to wreck the economy of a nation helped to bring about a positive social change? I believe that the decision to begin divestment from South Africa was a serious error, and I hope that the Board of Governors will reverse its decision, for the sake of all the people of the country.

It must also be noted that Miller has distorted the facts somewhat as those favouring divestment are prone to do. Yes, many blacks in South Africa have been killed in political violence, but he neglects to mention that many blacks have died as a result of tribal rivalries some of which date back to before the arrival of whites in the area. Contrary to what Miller says, President Botha has repeatedly stated his commitment to continuing his programme of reform, in spite of opposition from many of the more conservative whites in

...UQAM strike

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of his children, who may be going to university, he said, "I'm just here to maintain the peace."

Ian Brodie, SSMU VP External Affairs, thinks that "students have been misled." He wished them luck, but thinks that the strike was two months early.

Commenting on Brodie's "irrelevant" statements, Jean-Pierre Paquet, general secretary of ANEQ (Association nationale des étudiantes et des étudiants du Québec), said that they "didn't want to strike after the government had officially declared a tuition fee increase" in Québec. He said that there is only one period in a session when a strike can be conducted. He added that "if we waited for the fee increase to be official, we would have to wait

until march '87" to strike, which would be too late. He also thinks that if the injunction is passed, the students should defy it.

Bertren Loisele, AGEUQAM executive called the police presence "impressive."

Meanwhile the lively demonstration goes on until at least Thursday, when AGEUQAM will have its next general assembly to evaluate the strike. They will also start the unlimited strike if by then twenty associations have responded.

A student, "just Bernard", who is "responsible for keeping up the crowd's morale," as he says, was holding a megaphone in front of his violet lips. "The university you have reached is not in service at this time, please dial another sidewalk," he screamed.

... East Timor

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movements" are no better than the governments they oppose, he said. "I accuse the majority of the Canadian, New Zealand, English, and all Western peace movements of racism. They are all fundamentally racist."

"They are all so very concerned with the nuclear bomb... The nuclear bomb has great shape, it makes nice designs for posters and when it goes it will destroy the beautiful white protestant species," he said.

"That is why they have not put on their agenda the transfers of massive amounts of armaments to the third world."

"If I said we were all albinos, there would be a great uproar over all the Timorese that were dying."

"FRETILIN controls the majority of the countryside," said Horta, but the Indonesians still control the capital and all access to the island.

"Can we win militarily against

Indonesia? No. We cannot win militarily because the US, West Germany, France, England and Canada all support Indonesia," he proclaimed.

If they do not win, the Timorese face certain genocide. Horta quoted from a Japanese newspaper article which said the Indonesian government had embarked on a compulsory birth control plan where "thousands of women had been forcibly sterilised." Indonesia has also encouraged the immigration of thousands of non-Timorese.

"It is a well-planned strategy to render the Timorese a minority in their own land, to finally solve the political and military problem."

Horta repeated the words of a Timorese farmer who told a rare UN observer to East Timor, "Do you think we are a sack of potatoes to be traded from one owner to another? We want to rule our own country."

the country (and in his party). The abolition of the pass laws and the ending of the Immorality Act are only two pieces of evidence that at least some elements in the South African government are ready for serious political change. Rather than showing appreciation of this readiness for change, the South Africa Committee would like us rather to further punish this troubled nation.

Alan R. Libert
Ph.D. 3

Totally opposed... or not

To the Daily:

I was wondering if the fee increase was still a relevant topic. And, then I decided I didn't care if it wasn't; I have something to say. I AM TOTALLY OPPOSED TO A FEE INCREASE. For practical reasons, the exorbitant increase will force many students to either drop out of school or increase the burden of their debt.

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As far as the principle of the matter is concerned, any fee increase is offensive. Why? because we have a right to the *Daily*. After all, should students in an advanced industrial nation have to go into debt in order to have accessible student newspapers? I think not. In fact, I think this fee increase is a heinous, underhanded attempt to solidify class relations by keeping the poor, who cannot afford an increase, in the dark about world events and alternative news.

They say that the increase will improve the *Daily*. But an entire dollar? It's not like we're all from Westmount or Scarsdale. Besides, we don't care about quality, a paper's a paper, we just want more.

Jon Rosenbloom
U3 Arts

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